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Large supply available in wake of Hurricane Sandy...

COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT OFFERS FREE MULCH AT WALKERSVILLE YARD WASTE SITE

FREDERICK, MD – As a result of Hurricane Sandy, the Frederick County Department of Solid Waste Management announced today that a large amount of free mulch is available at the Walkersville Heritage Farm Park yard waste drop off center, located at 9224 Devilbiss Bridge Road, Walkersville, Md. Residents and county insurance compliant commercial landscaping companies are welcome to pick up the mulch from 9 a.m. – 4p.m., every day.

The Heritage Farm drop off site accepts yard waste for recycling year round, but unusually large quantities of material, including bagged leaves and tree limbs that were damaged by the hurricane in late October (and other storm activity over recent months), have accumulated at the site. The materials collected at this site are not screened, but are single ground to produce a lower-grade mulch that is available free to the public.

In addition to the Walkersville site, the county operates a staffed, quality-controlled yard waste recycling program at the drop off site located at 9031 Reichs Ford Road, Frederick, Md. This site produces high quality, double-ground mulch as well as premium, lab-tested ReviveTM compost, both of which are available for sale in bulk quantities, at a cost of \$15 per ton -- well below normal retail costs. Yard waste accepted at the Reichs Ford Road Yard Waste Recycling Center is carefully screened and monitored, and modern equipment is used to process the resulting organic matter.

For information on either the Walkersville free mulch opportunity or Reichs Ford Road mulch and/or compost products, visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Revive or contact the Office of Recycling at 301-600-2960 or via e-mail at recycle@FrederickCountyMD.gov.